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SUBJECT: DUTCH/EU LIKELY TO SUPPORT CUBA RESOLUTION

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1. Sensitive but Unclassified - not for internet distribution.

2. (SBU) While the EU has yet to make a decision on the upcoming Cuba resolution in the UNGA. However, Jan Jaap Groenemeijer, Dutch MFA Senior Policy Advisor on Cuba, noted that the GoNL will support a "yes" vote during EU discussions. Groenemeijer is confident that the EU will support the resolution, as it has done in previous years. The GoNL, appalled at recent human rights violations in Cuba, will push for a strong explanation of vote by EU members that demonstrates that a yes vote is not/not a vote in favor of Castro's regime and policies. PolOff inquired if the Dutch would publicize such an explanation of vote locally in Cuba. Groenemeijer noted that such action was a good idea, and that the Dutch will consider possible ways in which to do so.
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